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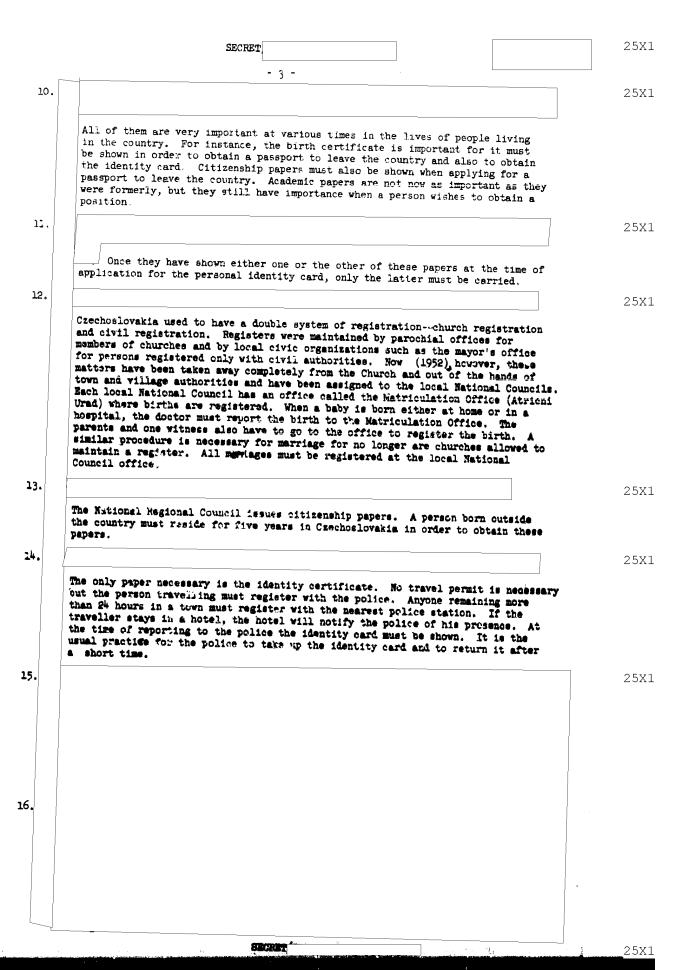
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SECRET - 2 -25X1 4. 25X1 Before a person can apply for membership in the Communist Party he must go through a probationary period in which he proves that he is worthy of being accepted into the Party. The probationary period last one year, during which the candidate must attend a special school for Party candidates and must assist at the Communist Party meetings. Not all candidates go to the same type of school for the schooling is relative to the amount of ability that the candidate possesses. Candidates without previous education, even general education, go to a very elementary school, while those who are further advanced intellectually have special schooling in which smaller groups participate. There is a third type of school which they call the individual school wherein one, two, or three people participate and which might even take the form of self-tutoring. The decision as to which school a candidate must attend rests with the District Secretary of the Party. The teachers are experienced members of the Party who form a distinct well-trained corps within the Purty. At present, most of the teachers have been trained in Czechoslovakia but the leaders of the teachers corps were trained in the USSR. After the year's schooling and probation is over, the candidate must undergo an examination which covers his knowledge of Party doctrine. Two members in good standing in the Party must act as sponsors for the candidate and these sponsors also undergo detailed questioning concerning the candidate. In eddition, before the candidate is finally accepted he must undergo what is called a personal check. He must tell the story of his life before the district meeting of the Party and must answer all questions that are put to him. The candidate must bare the entire story of his life and also present his plans for the future. After successful completion of the school, of the one-year probation, of the examination, and of the personal check, then a candidate is admitted to the Party and is issued 5. a membership card in the Communist Party in 1945 it was simple paper with a big red star on the cover and with entries noting the name, age and profession of the Party member and date of his entry .nto the Party. On the reverse side of the card there were blank lines on which contributions were noted as they were received. A change occurred in approximately 1948. 25X1 Membership cards ere not permitted to be carried abroad and this is true for all diplomatic personnel. 6. 25X1 The officer in charge of the personal registration section in each region is responsible for the issuance of the personal identity cards. Each card is signed by 25X1 25X1 The Party membership card is an honorary card, almost like a diploma, which certifies to Party loyalty. It is not considered as belonging to the members. When a member leaves the Party or is expelled he must return the card. As long as the member is in good standing the card belongs to him. There is no notation on the card that it is valid until any set date. 25X1 25X1 the person losing the card must present a sufficiently good reason to explain the loss in order to obtain a new card. I do not know whether there is any fine for the loss of the card or any loss of privilege. The Czech law states that when a person loses his card he must declare his loss to the police. 25X1 SECRET

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